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Appreciations

Rasika P. Mutucumarana

Rasika Palawinnege Mutucumarana saw the light of this world on 16th July 1975, at Durdans Hospital, Colombo, and passed away in Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital, Singapore on 7th May 2015 due to post stem cells transplant recovery complications.

Rasika attended Royal College Colombo from Kindergarten. He was a Cub Scout winner of “Gold Star”, a “Presidents Scout” and a “Senior Prefect”. He was the vice-captain of the winning baseball team. He drew for the Royal College Scout Magazine caricatures of Royal scouts depicting their characters to the amusement of others. He gained admission to the engineering Faculty of the University of Peradeniya. Giving up an engineering career he joined 'Ernst and Young' to do accountancy, passed out as a Chartered Accountant and completed a successful long stint at Ernst & Young as a Manager. He then joined Brandix Lanka Ltd. and thereafter American & Effird Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., and held the post of Finance Director till his demise.

Rasika who possessed a wide array of knowledge over varying topics was also a part time accountancy lecturer. He was an ACA, ACMA and a MBA Alumni of the Postgraduate Institute of Management – University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Moreover Rasika was a good practising Buddhist. He even quoted relevant passages from the Holy Bible and Al-Quran to advise others to lead religious lives. He was a teetotaller and a strict vegetarian. He helped the needy financially and in many other ways. A trademark of his generosity was the qualities of not letting his left hand know what the right hand gave.

Rasika was admitted to Colombo Central Hospital with high fever during the last week of September 2014 where Doctors diagnosed that he was suffering from leukaemia, and recommended treatment to be followed in Singapore. Within a few hours his Sister in Law and her husband made arrangements to take him to Singapore on the same day and accompanied him to receive medication. Many relations, friends and colleagues helped the family in numerous ways during this period.

Rasika took his last breath at 12.45pm Singapore time on the 7th of May, leaving behind his wife Erangika, Daughters Mithara (3 years) and Baby Miheli, father Arawinda and brother Lasitha.

Ever the individual to advise others towards leading an exemplary life, Rasika lived his life in an exemplary manner bringing joy and comfort to everyone he associated during his brief stay in this world.

May he attain the bliss of Nibbana.

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